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**Welcome to**

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**October 16, 2022 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Lec. 29C**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ’s encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ’s table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

who is eager to forgive

and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge

our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice,**

**love kindness,**

**and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**

**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,

who meets us on the road.

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Description automatically generatedJourney now in God’s abiding love

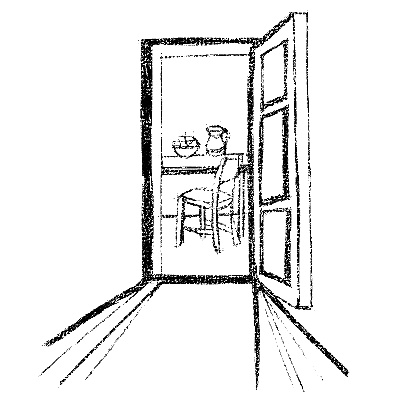
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: O Word of God Incarnate**

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**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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**Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31**

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother’s birthright and his father’s blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to “Israel,” a name that means “he wrestles with God.”*

A reading from Genesis.

22The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” 27So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” 28Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” 29Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. 30So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” 31The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 121**

*My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*(Ps. 121:2)

1I lift up my eyes to the hills;

  from where is my help to come?

2**My help comes from the Lord,**

**the maker of heaven and earth.**

3He will not let your foot be moved

  and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel**

**shall neither slumber nor sleep;** R

5the Lord himself watches over you;

  the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6**so that the sun shall not strike you by day,**

**nor the moon by night.**

7The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;

  it is he who shall keep you safe.

8**The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,**

**from this time forth for- evermore.** R

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5**

*The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

A reading from Second Timothy.

14But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4:1In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 3For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Time**

Amanda Beebe-Bay

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**Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow’s pleas. Jesus is calling God’s people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ 4For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” 6And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** Pastor Karen Perkins

**Texts for Sunday, October 23, 2022**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost / Lectionary 30C**

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

**Hymn of the Day: Ask the Complicated Questions**

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**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen**

\*Or, He descended to the dead.

**Prayer Refrain: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

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**The Prayers**

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God’s creation.

For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Alaska Synod Bishop Shelly Wickstrom, Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth of our sister synod, and Pastor Karen Perkins; for our neighbors in the Alaska Southeast Cluster, especially Island of Faith Lutheran Church, Wrangell; that your saving faith may be known to all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace, that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Repeat Prayer Refrain**

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**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

We greet each other with a gesture of peace. We are conscious there are different comfort levels around social-distancing at this time. A nod, wave, phone call or email may be most appropriate for you. This greeting is a sign of the risen Christ who unites us and calls us to recognize the peace of God in one another.

**OFFERING**

**Presentation of the Gifts**

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**Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**Amen.**

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**Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Preface**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should

at all times and in all places

offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father,

through Christ our Lord;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection

opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with the Church on earth

and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name

and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**

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**Great Thanksgiving**

Holy God,

our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,

you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,

and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners

and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his life given for us

and his rising from the grave,

we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,

and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

**Amen**

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**Lord’s Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**Communion Information**

All are welcome to the communion table! God is the host and God's love extends to all people. During this period of social distancing due to COVID-19, not all in our community are ready to be present at Resurrection. Nevertheless, there **are** ways for you to participate! We celebrate this holy meal as the community of peace, love and mercy.

* We have resources on our website to help you celebrate Holy Communion at home, either along with a live broadcast or at another time.
* Pastor Karen can bring the Eucharist to you at home. Please contact the office or Pastor Karen to make arrangements.

We would be happy to light a candle in thankfulness, of concern, or in memory of a person at your request.

**Invitation to Communion**

**Christ invites you to this table.**

**Come, taste and see.**

**Communion Hymn**

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**Communion Distribution**

The body of Christ, given for you.

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The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen**

**Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you

and keep you in God’s grace.

**Amen**

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**Post-Communion Canticle**

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**Post-Communion Prayer**

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal

with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road

that we might serve our neighbors with joy;

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Mission Statement**

Let us announce together,

**The mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is to promote spiritual growth in Christ and service to all people.**

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**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**Blessing**

God, who gives life to all things

and frees us from despair,

bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.Sending Hymn: Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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